

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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Application Number	09/905,349
Filing Date	July 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	Jay Brian DeDONTNEY
Group Art Unit	1763
Examiner Name	ZERVIGON, Rudy
Attorney Docket No.	A-68189/AJT/TJH

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-captioned application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449 and References)
- iv. ☐ Other:

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other:

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Fees are calculated as follows:
- |  | AMOUNT    | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Entity   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity  |
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| i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FEE   | \$ 385.00 | \$ 770.00   | \$ 385.00   |
| ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTENSION FEES | \$ 55.00  | One-Month \$ 110.00<br>Two-Month 420.00<br>Three-Month 950.00<br>Four-Month 1480.00<br>Five-Month 2010.00 | \$ 55.00<br>210.00<br>475.00<br>740.00<br>1005.00 |
| iii. <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                    | \$ 440.00 | \$  | \$  |
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ **440.00** is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to **Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (A-67178-1/MSS/TJH(463035-420))**.
- c. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees as indicated above, charge any variance or credit any overpayments, to **Deposit Account No. 50-2319**.

SUBMITTED BY

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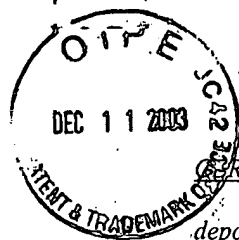
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Date

**December 9, 2003**



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CERTIFICATE OF MAIL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on December 8, 2003.

Signed:

  
Laura Lee Mosier

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jay Brian DeDONTNEY *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/905,349

Filed: July 13, 2001

For: GAS DELIVERY METERING TUBE

Examiner: ZERVIGON, Rudy

Art Unit: 1763

Date: December 8, 2003

RESPONSE / AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendments to the Claims and remarks. Accompanying this Amendment is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) with proper fees, extending the period for response by one month, to and including Monday, December 15, 2003, since December 13, 2003 falls on Saturday. A Request for Continued Examination is concurrently filed with this Amendment for entry of the amendments to the Claims.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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